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Column One By David Courtney

THE tendency to scratch Britain's name from the roll of great powers is strong, but not realistic. The United Kingdom, itself resourceful and with a numerous, and hard-working manpower, is still the focus of a powerful bloc of nations and the spring of an influence which, though repudiated — and perhaps rightly so — by some of the more vivid nationalisms within spheres traditionally bound up with Britain's economic and foreign policy, is significant and often decisive. But by the anachronistic remnants of colonialism are dropping off, here as a result of wise foresight, there because of violent protest, and even that form of colonialism represented by powerful commercial concessions, as in Persia, is on its way to the limbo of outworn mercantile systems of exploitation. But there remains a wide and effective British writ, the heritage of past greatness and wealth but not without some validity in the present, qualification of a Britain renewed and made more soundly purposeful than for very many generations, by the Labour Government.

THE exercise of Great Power influence, and of the responsibility that flows from it, has never contributed much to world peace and has often contributed to world conflict. But the system remains, and within the system Britain has a vital role, in her own view, that role is nowhere more clearly defined than in the Middle East. Recently, in the correspondence columns of "The Times," these words were written: "There are probably only two places where the British Empire can be irrevocably lost. One is on the shores of the English Channel and the other is the Middle East." With that mixture of shrewdness and perversity characteristic of him, G. B. Shaw, in "Back to Methuselah," placed the centre of the British Commonwealth at Baghdad. His was a playful exaggeration, but the fact remains that East and West, the Middle East is a theatre of strategic planning. It has to do with India and Pakistan, of course, and with Australia and New Zealand, and with the Suez Canal and the Persian Gulf, and these factors, having a tremendous practical effect upon the Commonwealth as a whole, bear profoundly upon all the later family calculations of the British community and its traditional associates.

IT is therefore not surprising that the British Commonwealth Defence Conference should have the need of a Middle East Treaty Organization based on the existing structure of the British Middle East Command. The alternative would seem to be the inclusion of Turkey and Greece in N.A.T.O., which is dominated by the United States of America, and to all intents and purposes the abandonment of the rest of the Middle East except for the existing British forces, which would be more or less uncoordinated with the N.A.T.O. command and of which hardly more than delaying operations would be expected in the event of war. Turkey and Greece prefer this alternative. They fear that Britain would be in no position to maintain adequate supplies and could not obtain the supplies from a United States Congress which is willing to adopt Turkey and Greece but not to share with Britain the responsibility of ensuring the security of the whole Middle East. It is Turkey's view that within a British Middle East Command, the chances of the region's becoming another Korea, with only partial response from the West and with N.A.T.O. excluded, would be strong.

THESE fears do not seem to be justified. For that matter, it is difficult to see why British responsibility for the whole Middle East should be incompatible with full American cooperation any more than American responsibility for the Atlantic should be incompatible with full British cooperation. There is, of course, strong support for the belief that "the defence of the Middle East is on the Rhine," but no one can expect either the British Commonwealth or Turkey and Greece to be among those supporters.

Tel Aviv, June 28.

Work Or Get Out Oil Chief Told

TEHERAN, Monday (Reuter). — The Persian Government today gave Britain's oil chief at Abadan, Mr. Eric Drake, till Thursday to work for them or get out. Earlier the three-man Nationalisation Commission accused Mr. Drake of sabotage, despite protests from the British Embassy.

The Commission, said Mr. Drake, who today paid a flying visit to Basra, 40 miles over the border in neighbouring Iraq, had interrupted the flow of Persian oil by refusing to sign oil tanker receipts and failing to instruct the captains of tankers to sign them.

The manager of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company's plant at Kermanshah, Mr. Derek Hobson, has been discharged by the Iranian director of the Iran National Oil Company on the grounds that he is not co-operative, British sources said today.

The British Ambassador, Sir Francis Shepherd, today protested against a proposed sabotage law which would make oil technicians liable to punishment for misbehaviour during refining operations. Sir Francis told the Persian Foreign Minister, Bagir Kazemi, that the law, if passed, would lead to mass resignations among British technicians in the oilfields.

Iraq Refuses Again To Open Pipeline

NEW YORK, Monday (INA). — The Iraqi Government announced officially last night that it refused to consider the opening of the oil pipeline from Kirkuk to Haifa, a "New York Times" dispatch from Beirut reported today.

The occasion for the statement was a remark by Mr. Philip Noel Baker, the British Minister of Fuel, in which he said that in case petroleum supplies from Iran are cut off, Britain would attempt to increase her supplies from other countries.

M.A.C. Meets Today

A meeting of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission will take place at 11 o'clock this morning at Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem.

The Jordan authorities have complained to the Mixed Armistice Commission that Israeli soldiers recently killed a villager from El Radat in the "Triangle" area, according to "Ad-Difa."

The paper also said that a meeting of local commanders in the Bet Guvrin area to fix the date and place for the repatriation of about 5,000 Beduin was decided upon at a MAC Subcommittee meeting yesterday. The Beduin, who had been allegedly expelled from Israel during the past few months, will return to their homes in the Beersheba area in accordance with a previously adopted MAC decision.

3 Officers Hurt

BEERSHEBA, Monday.—Three officers of the rank of Major were injured yesterday when the vehicle in which they were travelling ran over a mine in the Negev. They were taken to a military hospital after receiving first aid at the Hadasah Hospital here.

Village Demands Split

RAMLE, Monday (ITM). — Differences of opinion between Kurdish and Iraqi immigrants and newcomers from Tripoli in the village of Azariya, near here, has led to a stoppage of work on the building of houses and in the fields.

The 60 families from Tripoli, who are the majority in the village, and arrived this year, demand that the 24 families who arrived from Kurdistan and Iraq in the middle of 1950 leave the village.

Brigade Men Celebrate
TEL AVIV, Monday. — Men of the former 2nd Battalion of the Jewish Brigade Group met in the Prime Minister's garden at Hakirya tonight to mark the fifth anniversary of the disbandment of their unit. There was an exhibition showing details of the Battalion's exploits, which included the first war-time transfer of immigrants from Europe to Palestine.

Contract Signed For Kishon River Port

A contract for the widening of the Kishon River outlet near Haifa and the building of a bridge over it, the construction of a port and a dry dock, complete with breakwater, was signed yesterday in Jerusalem between the Israel Government and the Netherlands Harbour Works Company Ltd. of Amsterdam.

Mr. Dov Joseph, Minister of Communications, signed for the Government and Mr. Van Ben Bos signed for the company. Ships of up to 1,000 tons will be able to dock in the new port.

The Netherlands Harbour Company will be assisted in the construction works by Solal Boneh, and the total cost of the scheme will be L.L.1,150,000. Further negotiations will be conducted with the company on possible extensions of the plans to provide a larger anchorage area, and it is expected that the final cost will be approximately L.L.1.5m.

According to the contract, construction must be completed within 18 months. Preliminary work on the spot has been underway for a month already, and special dredgers and diggers will be brought immediately from Holland to begin on the main work.

The company will have a resident representative in Israel while the work is in progress, and in addition to specialists, will be permitted to bring to Israel a maximum of 15 expert workers from Holland and all other workers will be Israelis.

Knesset Adopts Immunity Law, May Adjourn Early

POST Correspondent

The Knesset last night finally adopted the Members' Immunity Law, the final reading of which had been interrupted last week. There were some indications yesterday that the House may resolve to wind up the debates on urgent legislation and disperse until the elections. Such a proposal may come before the House Rules Committee today.

The law passed last night provides for the absolute immunity of members against court proceedings for any speeches made or votes cast in the Knesset or any action taken in the course of duty as Knesset members. The dwellings and personal belongings of members will be free from Police searches, but the latter may be inspected by customs officials at the borders.

Members are also exempt from regular military service unless the Knesset decides otherwise during war. Reserve duty will be scheduled in cooperation with the House Speaker. Any rules limiting the free movement of citizens do not apply to Knesset members, except where these are made for security reasons. Members going abroad will travel on a "passport of service" and will not need an exit permit except during a war.

Lifting Immunity
Applications to lift immunity can be made by the State Attorney in case of criminal charges. Requests for the withdrawal of a speech privilege can be proposed by the Government or members of the House. Such applications are referred to the Rules Committee, and must then be approved in the House by a simple majority vote. The immunity connected with speeches, votes etc. in the House is inviolate.

Religious Bloc Too Late to Combine

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A 13th-hour attempt to revive the Religious Bloc was made this morning, when permission was sought from the Central Elections Committee to combine into one the three lists presented separately last night by Agudat Israel, Agudat Israel Workers and Mizrahi. The application was rejected by the Committee as it would mean that a new list had been formed; it was furthermore stated that the sponsors had not been aware that they were backing a unified list when they put down their signatures.

The checking of the candidates' lists and their sponsors was continued all day today. The Central Elections Committee is to meet on Wednesday morning to hear the sub-committee's findings and to take final decisions on which complete lists of candidates will be published.

Immunity and Amenities

Under the "Immunity Bill" passed yesterday every Knesset member is entitled to a telephone in his home. He may make local calls free of charge, and inter-urban calls will have priority, with a limited number free.

All calls made from the Knesset will be free, as will all local letters posted by the members at the Knesset's Branch Post Office.

Bank Agreement Renewed by House

The Knesset yesterday renewed the agreement with the Bank Leumi Le-Israel, in which the latter is named the Government's Bank of Issue, and to extend it until December 31, 1952.

The agreement concluded with the Anglo-Palestine Bank, predecessor to the Bank Leumi, expires on Friday.

The draft proposal of the bill set no time limit for the renewal, but this was amended by the majority of the Finance Committee. Mr. A. Zisling (Mapam) had asked that the limit be set at December 31 of this year, instead of 1952, but his motion was rejected after Mr. D. Z. Pinkas, Chairman of the Finance Committee, explained that it would be both legally and technically impossible to set a new Bank of Issue within six months.

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TO MAPAI MEMBERS AND SYMPATHIZERS WHEREVER THEY ARE:
Check immediately and see whether your name appears in the voting registers to the Second Knesset.
Appeal immediately if your name isn't in the register. The time for appeal is very limited. Check and appeal now.

Jewish Labour Party of Israel (MAPAI)

Today's POST BAG

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Haifa	67	74	81	88
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During the coming year, 45 deep borings for water are to be carried out in various parts of the country, according to a plan prepared by local water companies. Ten of the borings will be to depths of between 100 and 200 metres, 20 others through hard rock strata between 200 and 400 metres in depth, while 20 holes will be sunk in the coastal area down to 150 metres.

Three persons were seriously injured at Tel Aviv on the Haifa-Acre road yesterday afternoon when a bus driven by Shimon Maio collided with a truck carrying stones driven by Abdullah Azam of Shfar Am. The bus was overtaking the truck when the latter turned right and its rear end collided with the bus. The injured are: Sudi Habb and Abdullah Mustafa, both of Acre, and Abba Kati who took a hand. All the injuries were taken to the Government Hospital in Haifa.

Half of Tel Aviv Beach Closed

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Half of Tel Aviv's beach was closed by the Municipality and the health authorities today for hygienic reasons. This is the second time that such a measure has been taken since the opening of the beach two weeks ago.

The first closure last week, which involved all of the waterfront, lasted for only a few hours as a municipal official ordered the beach reopened without consulting the Health Department. Today's closure, it is understood, will be lifted as soon as the beach is cleaned.

A closure is generally ordered when the health official permanently assigned to the waterfront notes an excessive amount of sewage being washed ashore. Health authorities here point out that the chlorination of the water is effective only against liquid impurities. Solid impurities are always present in the water being constantly discharged from the two main sewage outlets located at Rehov Ezra to the south and Rehov Jabotinsky in the north.

The best time to swim is the morning when the sewage is still flowing slowly, but most people seem to be staying away from the beach at all hours. When the Municipality announced that bathing would be permitted, a statement was released from the Ministry of Health to the effect that bathing would no longer be banned, but at the same time was not recommended.

The diseases which are most likely to occur as a result of excessive contamination are: polio, para-typhoid, jaundice, or, in case of swallowing the water, dysentery or typhoid.

Ration News

TEL AVIV DISTRICT: Potatoes 3 kilograms; corn 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

As a precautionary measure against Polio, parents are requested, when visiting Kfar Mordechai (Eilat), not to bring their children under 15 years of age.

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Agency to Study Ma'hara Complaint

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Rev. Nahal Binyamin was blocked for three hours this morning when more than 150 Iraqis from the Sakha ma'hara near Tel Litvinsky demonstrated in front of the Jewish Agency Building against "discrimination," lack of work, water, and facilities. The crowd dispersed when a delegation emerged with the announcement that an understanding had been reached with Agency officials.

The seven-man delegation which was received here this morning by Dr. G. Josephthal, head of the Settlement Department, was promised that water outlets and showers would be arranged in the Sakha ma'hara within a week. Dr. Josephthal decided to appoint a committee to investigate the other complaints of discrimination in favor of Tripolitanian immigrants, lack of educational facilities, and lack of representation in the Regional Council.

Last night, the second serious incident to occur in a ma'hara in two days broke out at the Sakha Camp when wild rumors spread that an immigrant had been killed by the Director of the Labour Exchange. The enraged Iraqis blocked the main Tel Aviv-Lydda road with rocks and flares, holding up scores of cars.

Police who arrived on the scene discovered that the "deceased" had suffered only light injuries after an argument with the Director. When the Director slammed the door, the immigrant fell to the ground, his head knocked out of him. His wife reportedly let out the alarm that he had been killed.

Knesset Candidate Held

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Mr. Laba Shiber, of Rehov Emile Zola, who is a member of the Anti-Communist League and a candidate for the Knesset on the newly formed E-Servicemen's and New Immigrants Party (Shinai), was arrested in Allenby Road here today while allegedly trying to prevent the delivery of a shipment of Russian books to the Boguslavsky Book Store.

According to police and eye-witnesses, Mr. Shiber had raised an outcry and attracted a crowd in his attempts to prevent the books from being brought into the shop. A person who phoned *The Post* in the name of the Anti-Communist League claimed that Mr. Shiber had been arrested while making a speech near Kikar Magen David.

Controls Taken Off Local Fish Prices

Price control has been abolished on all fish caught by Israeli fishermen, except fresh water carp. The Ministry of Agriculture has announced. This change in policy has been made possible by the large supply of fresh fish which has reached the market recently, it was said.

It is believed that the uncontrolled prices will not be higher than the previous official price.

The Government has also decided to raise the price of cattle and poultry fodder. Until now, the import of fodder has been subsidized to keep domestic fodder prices at previous levels, following a jump on the world market.

Under the new system, fodder prices will match the world market level and subsidies will be paid for produce. No change in agricultural production is planned, and the Government hopes to be able to curb the black market in fodder use as well as to stimulate domestic fodder production.

Wharfage Fees Raised

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Wharfage fees in Israel ports have been raised to one and a quarter per cent of the value of all goods discharged, regardless whether they are unloaded directly onto the quay or on lighter, it is learned here. The rate until yesterday was one per cent for goods discharged on the quay and half per cent for lighter discharge.

Memorial Talks On Arlosoroff

A memorial talk on the 19th anniversary of the assassination of Haim Arlosoroff will be broadcast over Kol Israel by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Moshe Sharet, at 8.40 this evening.

A eulogy written by Mr. Israel Cohen will also be broadcast.

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Bus Thief Gives Riders a Wild Trip

PETAH TIKVA, Tuesday. — A thief who stole an Egged bus and took passengers for a wild ride from Zichron Ya'acov to Petah Tikva yesterday, is sitting in jail here today. The passengers, who got off here when the bus was overtaken and stopped, said they were thankful to have emerged from the journey alive.

The thief, who drove off with the bus in Hadera while the driver was away for lunch, brought it to Zichron Ya'acov where he began taking on passengers. He issued no tickets for the excessive fares he collected. He was noticed by another Egged driver, driving at breakneck speed on the approach to Petah Tikva, who began to chase him. The errand driver was overtaken, removed by force from the bus and taken to the police.

Egged sources say that the thief had been a jeep driver during the war.

Jail Term Cut in Security Case

A six-year prison sentence for violating the Official Secrets Ordinance was reduced to four years by the Supreme Court yesterday, on the appeal of Uri Winter, Communist party member, against the verdict of the District Court last November.

Winter had been arrested last January while participating in a Communist demonstration. Two documents, one of which was marked "Top Secret," were found in his possession. They were geographic diagrams listing numbers and percentages of Army manpower.

The District Court had asked the accused to prove that he had a legal reason for possessing the documents. Dr. S. Weizner, who represented Winter in the Supreme Court, argued that this was contrary to accepted procedure in criminal cases; it was up to the prosecution to prove that the purpose of the accused was illegal.

The Court rejected this contention, pointing out that the law departed from general procedure as regards this type of crime because of the extraordinary difficulties the prosecution would face in trying to prove the purpose of the accused.

The prisoner's sentence was reduced, however, because his offence seemed closer to the lesser crimes described in the Official Secrets Ordinance. The Court was composed of Justices Agranat, Landau, and Levin. Deputy State Attorney A. Gornaliak prosecuted.

Controls Taken Off Local Fish Prices

Price control has been abolished on all fish caught by Israeli fishermen, except fresh water carp. The Ministry of Agriculture has announced. This change in policy has been made possible by the large supply of fresh fish which has reached the market recently, it was said.

It is believed that the uncontrolled prices will not be higher than the previous official price.

The Government has also decided to raise the price of cattle and poultry fodder. Until now, the import of fodder has been subsidized to keep domestic fodder prices at previous levels, following a jump on the world market.

Under the new system, fodder prices will match the world market level and subsidies will be paid for produce. No change in agricultural production is planned, and the Government hopes to be able to curb the black market in fodder use as well as to stimulate domestic fodder production.

Wharfage Fees Raised

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Wharfage fees in Israel ports have been raised to one and a quarter per cent of the value of all goods discharged, regardless whether they are unloaded directly onto the quay or on lighter, it is learned here. The rate until yesterday was one per cent for goods discharged on the quay and half per cent for lighter discharge.

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Election Board Checking Poll Lists

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Meanwhile, all major parties have published their lists, except Mapai, whose roster will be released tomorrow. Technical reasons were given for the delay.

The deadline for filing appeals regarding the voters' register, which was due to be at the end of the week, has been extended for five more days.

A voters' list arranged in order of identity card numbers has been compiled for Haifa and Tel Aviv. As from tomorrow, any person will be able to inquire by telephone at the local Election Committee as to which voting centre he has been assigned.

Some 80,000 appeals have been lodged to date, and it is expected that the total number will not exceed 150,000. That number had been anticipated: There were 50,000 persons in the original register; whose addresses were known to have changed their addresses during the three-month registration period. It is believed that parties will produce more "insurance" appeals for their members.

\$1 Million in Food Parcels Monthly

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — More than \$1 million worth of food parcels arrive in Israel each month. Dr. Hans Wolf, of the Import Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, told the press here today. About 70,000 parcels are received monthly through commercial firms, and 40,000 are mailed direct by relatives.

In addition to the savings in hard currency resulting from these shipments, the Government also earns more than \$70,000 a month from customs and taxes on local products included in the parcels. Dr. Wolf said. The speaker said that those firms abroad which send incomplete parcels or are found to have cheated or misled the public will have their import licenses cancelled.

Representatives of the Food Importers Association told the press that, against Government restrictions and regulations were holding back the flow of food parcels.

Police Reject T.A. Cinema Proposal

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The police have referred back to the Municipality the latter's suggestion for prohibiting foreigners under 14 from attending late cinema performances.

Police explain that they have no authority to enforce such regulations following a Supreme Court decision to the effect under the Mandatory regime. They claim that it is up to the Municipality to include the ban in the licences issued by the Council to the various theatres.

\$40,000 in Illegal Chocolate Sales

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The system of chocolate sales to tourists may be changed by the following discovery by police that at least four establishments here had unlawfully sold as much as \$10,000 worth of chocolate each during the last few months. The investigations are continuing.

Four employees of the suspected cafes and hotels were detained, and it is understood that charges will be preferred against them. No charges have been made against the owners of the establishments. Most of the chocolate came from one factory, it is understood.

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3-Power Reply To Israel Note Soon

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The U.S. reply will be timed to coincide with those of the British and French who received similar notes from the Israel Government. Meanwhile, it was learned, Mr. Abba Eban, the Israel Ambassador, had been in Washington, D.C., yesterday with Mr. John McCloy, the U.S. High Commissioner for Germany, and reiterated his plea for U.S. support in collecting the reparations.

Later Mr. Eban conferred with Mr. John Blandford, newly appointed director of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency, on the problem of the Arab refugees.

Knesset Charges

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Alot, Head of the Tel Aviv Census Bureau, had gone to Acre to investigate the charges. The officials there had told Mr. Alot that the receipts had been stamped on the backs of ballot slips because no other paper was available. They also claimed that receipts were printed on ballot slips other than those of "Alet" or "Ayin."

As for the charge that the filling of applications for identity cards was accompanied by Mapai campaigning, Mr. Shapiro announced that the two officials had been recalled and that they would face trial if investigation proved the charges correct.

Mr. Aharon Zisling (Mapai) asked why court proceedings had not been instituted against those charged with causing pre-election disturbances in Migdal Acre. Mr. Y. Bader (Herut) then claimed that the steps taken by the Ministry of the Interior were inadequate in view of the dangers inherent in such events as at Migdal Acre and Acre.

Mr. Israel Rokach (General Zionists) claimed that the Acre incident was more serious, and that it was not the senior officials but their superiors who should be held responsible. He blamed Mapai for causing the disturbances.

Mr. David Bar Rav (Mapai) claimed that the allegations were unfounded. He said that the whole debate was nothing more than a platform for electioneering.

Mr. Herbert Forster (Progressives) said his party opposed any underhand campaigning, be it by means of Labour Exchange or gift parcels from America. (Mr. Forster was referring to the allegation that General Zionists offices were distributing American food parcels.)

Mr. Hagan Rubin (Mapai) accused Mapai of "hiring gangs of thugs to terrorize the public" and alleged that Mr. A. Tatar, Secretary of the Migdal Acre Labour Exchange, had been charged with causing the disturbances.

The Speaker reprimanded Mr. Rubin for speaking of the leaders of the Mapai campaign as "thugs." Mr. Bernard Eliazar (Mapai) disclaimed party responsibility for the actions of the two Acre officials, claiming that the opposition had raised the issue to generate a general scandal.

Mr. Herta Berger (Mapai) declared that Mapai would take action against those involved in the alleged Acre and Migdal Acre incidents if they were proved culpable.

The Minister of Justice, Mr. P. Rotten, concluded the debate.

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Arabs Split On Point-4 Aid

CAIRO, Tuesday. — The Chamber of Deputies yesterday agreed that Egypt should avail itself of Mr. Truman's Point Four programme after a stormy three-and-a-half-hour session during which deputies accused the U.S. of attempting to dominate the world.

Beirut radio reported yesterday that the U.S. is supplying Egypt with military equipment valued at \$400,000. An Egyptian delegation has left for Western Germany to purchase more equipment for Egyptian armament plants and will also engage the services of German munitions experts, the report added.

A "New York Times" report from Beirut said today that extreme nationalist elements in the Arab League member states are campaigning for common rejection by all members of the League of U.S. financial aid to the Near East proposed under President Truman's new Foreign Aid Bill. Their argument is that the U.S. Government, in intending to give the same amount to Israel as to all the Arab states put together, is establishing the principle that Israel is of equal importance in the Near East to the Arab states as a whole. This is defined as an insulting and dangerous principle for the Arab states to accept.

EXPERT. — An irrigation expert arrived in Cairo from South Africa to consult with British and U.S. experts on the resettlement of Arab refugees in the Sinai Desert.

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THE voice of history is heard again: "This says Cyrus, King of Persia. Who is there among all his people, his God be FROM IRAN with him and let him go up TO ISRAEL which is in Judah." After twenty-five centuries, the Jews of Persia are once again answering the call of Jerusalem. Then, their number, we are told, was 49,697. Today, 70,000 are to join their brothers from Yemen and Iraq, from Europe and Africa, in the great return. And the names of King Cyrus and of two national leaders of 2,500 years ago will be present in the minds of many when this "Operation Ezra and Nehemiah" begins.

The long history of the Jews in Persia was not always free from calamity or anxiety, but there were periods when they played an eminent part in the life of their country. The golden age of Spain is recalled by such names as Sa'ad ad-Daula and Rashid ad-Daula who, in the 13th century, rose to the rank of vizier, and made important contributions to Persian scholarship. Nor are those whom we are soon to welcome the first Persian Jews to return to this country. In the sixties of the last century, almost simultaneously with the first pioneer wave from Eastern Europe, great numbers of Persian-speaking "Lovers of Zion" came from Persia, Afghanistan, and Bokhara, to settle in Tiberias and Safad, in Haifa and Jaffa, but most of all in Jerusalem. Here their Quarter, originally named "Tehovot," became one of the prosperous, as it was one of the picturesque, neighbourhoods of the city, and here they developed considerable activity in the field of literature, mainly in the publication of ancient and modern texts.

The new chapter is being written at a time when Iran has become a convulsed point on the international scene. But it must not be assumed that the conflict between Iran and Britain is the cause of the new Jewish exodus. As in other countries, stronger forces than economic, or even fear of civil disturbance, are at work. Irreducibly, irrevocably, the Pata Morgana of the Dispersion is vanishing before the great reality of Israel, reborn and claiming its children from the four corners of the earth.

HUMAN feelings about the cat reflect opposite emotions of contentment and superstition, both of which are well brought out in a nursery song, "I love little Pussy, her coat is so warm" is the opening statement, but this is at once relieved by the propitiation, "And if I don't hurt her, she'll do me no harm." T.S. Eliot wrote a whole book full of cat poems, and one of his most memorable fables concerned a feline Marmalade whose eyes changed with the phases of the moon. With all this balderdash surrounding the world of the cat, a creature whose attitude to life is one of concrete self-satisfaction and egotism, we would expect the Champion Cat of France to be out of the ordinary. But no: it turns out to be an English-bred Blue Persian, rejoining in the rollicking name of Southway Rascal. This cat was the centre of an admiring group and actually received a Sierra vase from the hand of the French President. Whether Southway Rascal will live in this piece of china or, after baring a small hole in its base to admit an electric wire, will use it as a table lamp, has not been decided. It is at any rate possible for us to deny that a depressed stocking manufacturer has hired Southway Rascal to appear at society functions as a paid nylon-scratcher.

CATEGORIES

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CONSERVATIVES STEM LEFT AND RIGHT TIDES After the French Elections

By George Lichteim, POST Correspondent

LONDON, June 26.—

WHEN the date of France's general election was fixed for June 17, some nervous people expressed fear lest the coincidence of a sweeping Gaullist victory, announcement and the anniversary of General de Gaulle's famous proclamation in 1940 — June 18 was the day on which he raised the banner of resistance — might prove too much for the dramatic temperament of the General and his supporters. If he won the elections, they reasoned, he might march straight on the Elysee Palace. Others, less attached to the General's star, took comfort in the fact that June 18 is also, as it happens, the anniversary of Waterloo. In the event, neither prognosis turned out to be correct. There has been no triumphal march down the Champs Elysees, with crowds hailing the deliverer, but neither has de Gaulle been eclipsed. The next Government of the Republic, whatever its composition, will inevitably be dominated by the need to face the Gaullist threat to the right, as well as the Communist one to the left. What is more, French nationalism has at last found an effective organization. To that extent, the Gaullist " Rally" may be said to have made good on its claims.

All other results are less certain. It is not even certain whether the "Third Force" Government will continue, or whether the Socialists will retire into opposition, leaving their present partners in uneasy alliance with the Gaullist supporters. The next few weeks will inevitably be taken up with manoeuvrings. Meantime it is possible to take stock of the facts behind the election results.

Pleven's Record
First, and not least important, the election has shown that the French middle-class is in no hurry to hail de Gaulle as its saviour. The success of the parliamentary Conservatives is evidence of this fact. Nothing has been more significant than the extent to which the business class and their supporters have regained self-confidence. In industrial centres like Lille, Roubaix or Tourcoing, the industrialists and their political friends have recovered control, self-assurance and the ability to manoeuvre — and they have done it without leaning on de Gaulle. Moderate Republican politicians like Pleven and Petche — the present Finance Minister, whom no one had suspected of popularity — have not only been re-elected but have actually run ahead of their party tickets, and carried the "associated" candidates of other parties along on their coat-tails. For Pleven, who

headed the Government until last March and who leads the small UDSR group affiliated with the Radicals, the election in his native Breton constituency was a personal triumph: over 10,000 voters made use of the new "write-in" system by inscribing his name upon lists provided by other candidates. Pleven, who was once a near-Gaullist and is one of the rare industrialists in public life, is exactly the type of conservative Republican, willing to work with the Socialists and attached to the parliamentary system, who has come out on top in this election. The next Government will be dominated by men of this stamp, whether or not they decide, for tactical reasons, to lean on the Gaullists.

Catholic Trade Unions

Secondly, de Gaulle has left the MRP substantially intact, although its urban middle-class supporters have largely flocked away to vote for the General. A year ago the MRP leaders privately predicted that they would drop from 160 seats to 40. They have in fact won over 80 — partly due to the system of "associated lists," but also owing to Vatican support and the loyalty of the workers organized in the million-strong Catholic trade unions. Compared with the small Christian Democratic group in the pre-war Parliament, which never rose above 30, the MRP is still a mass party. It is not likely to fall below its present strength and, with the Socialists, who have done very well, now represents the best organized force upholding the Fourth Republic.

De Gaulle's Weakness

Thirdly and perhaps most important, neither the Gaullists nor the Communists have made an impression on the

JERUSALEM ART NOTES

Schoolboys Turn Artisans

THE high degree of manual skill and artistic taste shown by pupils of elementary schools in Jerusalem, will surprise the visitor to the exhibition which is being held this week at the Municipal Handicraft Centre in Katamon. The attractive wood-work and metal exhibits, tea-trays, book-stands, brooches, metal and wood Hanukkah lamps and a hundred other objects including a primitive microscope, are of a quite professional standard.

Mr. E. Tuerkel, Director of the Centre, and Mr. M. Wagshal, both pointed out at the opening of the exhibition that the handicraft lessons given to pupils (boys only) of the sixth to eighth forms of Jerusalem's elementary schools cannot be considered as vocational training. Their only aim is to induce the pupil to work with his hands and to develop his personality and taste. The lessons are supported financially and otherwise by the Jerusalem Municipal Education Department. Jerusalem has pioneered in this field. Starting in 1946, it remains to this day the only place in Israel where handicrafts for boys are a regular part of the curriculum in the higher forms, occupying three hours in the sixth form.

Spivakovsky at the Obelisk Hall on Saturday, I heard only — among the more important pieces on the programme — the Debussy sonata. The strange and fluctuating ingredients of this work were mastered in a most imposing way, technically as well as stylistically.

MUSICAL DIARY

THE I.P.O.s first open-air subscription concert — the 9th in the 1950/51 series — was held at the Ramat Gan Amphitheatre on Sunday night, with Helms Freudenthal conducting, and Peter Wallfisch as soloist. The symphony featured was a classical piece by the Swedish composer Franz Berwald who, so to speak, lived from Beethoven's period to Brahms (he was born 1796 and died 1869).

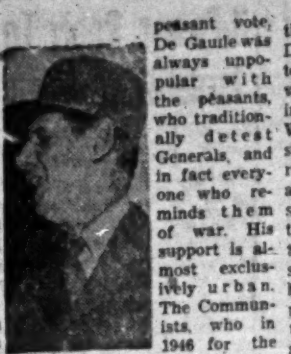
The acquaintance with Berwald's first Symphony in G minor was quite enjoyable — mainly because it provoked one's imagination to form a picture of the man who wrote it, especially in the best sequence of the work, the first movement (allegro con energia). While he is occasionally too much involved in the world of Beethoven and Mendelssohn, so much so that he does not hesitate to imitate them, some passages reveal quite astonishing presentiments of Brahms. The symphony was first performed in 1843 when Brahms was only ten years old. Altogether we got the im-

pression from the first work we have heard by Berwald that the composer must have been a complex and highly gifted personality.

Mr. Freudenthal gave a delicate performance of the work, and he later offered a no less sensitive accompaniment to Peter Wallfisch's playing of Mozart's rarely heard piano concerto in C major, op. 487. I think this is a most captivating example of Mozart's art, of the spiritual invention and elaboration which Wallfisch interpreted alertly and tenderly. However, although the artist's technique is eloquent and his touch highly distinctive, he and the orchestra with him, gave the work an effeminate stylization which seemed to me a little over-stressed.

The evening was concluded with Brahms' Tragic Overture, a work which represents just the type of incoherent music which evaporates into nothing when played in an open-air auditorium.

Spivakovsky — As I had to miss the first part of the recital of Tosy



Gen. Charles De Gaulle

peasant vote. De Gaulle was always unpopular with the peasants, who traditionally detest Generals, and in fact every one who reminds them of war. His support is almost exclusively urban. The Communists, who in 1946 for the first time broke into the far constituencies on a really large scale, have lost a substantial fraction of the gains they then made. Their votes in Paris have also gone down, though less so. In fact, all parties have lost votes, which have gone to de Gaulle. But the Gaullist swing, which in 1947 accounted for 35 per cent of the total in the municipal elections, has barely enabled de Gaulle to claim the support of one-fifth of his countrymen.

Middle-Class Vote

The type of support on which he relies has become fairly clear: it includes neither the industrialists, who distrust his adventurous social policies, nor the peasants, nor the workers. It is almost exclusively middle-class and comprises a large number of disgruntled Catholics who are dissatisfied with MRP because they had expected financial support for their Church schools. There is reason to believe that the percentage of women voters within his electoral strength is disproportionately high. This is not the material out of which totalitarian revolutions are made.

Home Repairs

One of the most interesting subjects in the curriculum for sixth form pupils, is "Home Repairs." The boys learn how to carry out "first aid" repairs at home on electrical appliances, taps, bathroom equipment, locks, cooking utensils and primus stoves. They also learn simple carpentry. These lessons are very popular with the boys, and also with their parents. When Mr. Tuerkel recently went to an office on a personal matter, the official, recognizing his name, welcomed him heartily. He turned out to be the father of one of Mr. Tuerkel's pupils. His twelve-year-old son had succeeded in mending a recalcitrant shutter at home, when no carpenter could be found.

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H. BOAS

Readers' Letters

WAR CLAIMS

To the Editor of THE POST
Sir, — I was employed by the Jerusalem Water Supply Department as a plant operator prior to our war and was stationed at Rosh Ha'ayin. When the Iraqis occupied the station an agreement was reached with the Jewish staff of the station to proceed through their lines to Petah Tikva, together with belongings, consisting of furniture, household goods, etc. Though the personnel were evacuated in time, the maintenance engineer in charge insisted that our belongings remain at the station in order to fortify the Jewish workers to the station.

We did not return to Rosh Ha'ayin until after the war and our belongings, which could have been saved without difficulty, went to the Iraqis.

Nearly four years have passed since then, and our repeated claims for compensation for our lost belongings, ignored by the Water Supply Department of the Jerusalem Municipality, never even received an acknowledgment of the many written reminders. One wonders whether there is no way to settle a legal and justified claim with a public body other than dragging it through the courts.

Yours etc.,
A. HOFFER
Jerusalem, June 21.

CHANGED TIMES

To the Editor of THE POST
Sir, — There was a time when I found it worth while to buy a copy of THE Jerusalem Post only to enjoy the excellent Column One by David Courtney. Nowadays it is the only part of the otherwise excellent paper which I do not read at all, or

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If I do, merely as a matter of habit.
I read Mr. Courtney's remarks today about Indo-China and I must state that I fail to grasp his logic. He feels sorry for the French and the Americans for wasting all their arms and money. And still more sorry does he feel for the poor people upon whom misery and destruction is brought by these arms.

Why, I ask myself, has there never been a word from Mr. Courtney about Russian arms and money being wasted? Or maybe Mr. Courtney does not consider it a waste that Russian arms should be bringing misery to half of the world?

Yours etc.,
E. CASPI

Petah Tikva, June 8.

COLUMNIST'S REPLY

To the Editor of THE POST
Sir, — I am pleased to know that Mr. Caspi used to read Column One daily when its views agreed with his, and regret that out of force of habit he should still find himself trapped into reading it occasionally although its views now differ from his. The only other reader's letter published recently makes much the same criticism as Mr. Caspi does; and I must take it, therefore, that the two letters fairly represent majority opinion. As a good democrat, I am impressed by this fact; and my two critics, equally good democrats no doubt, will not deny me the minority right to think differently from them and to hope one day that they, and the majority they evidently represent, may see the light.

As for Indo-China, it is difficult to see what Mr. Caspi wants except some balancing evidence to show that the Russians are being just as silly as the French and Americans. I do not know. Sometimes I could wish they were. But I am bound, to admit that they are doing very well indeed out of the demand of the Asiatic peoples for freedom and food, whilst we of the West are doing pretty badly out of it. That seems to me to be a pity. I had rather the Chinese and the Indo-Chinese had looked to us for help and guidance than to the Russians; and I cannot help wondering why it was they chose the Russians. It has always seemed to me to be very odd to blame the Russians for it.

Both my critics want me to be hard on the Soviet. Well, why not; but I am more concerned with what goes on in my own house than with what goes on in my neighbour's; and besides, it is the European, humanitarian tradition of Democracy I would like to see triumph, not the Slav conception of Marxist Socialism. Therefore I concentrate on what appears to me to be western follies, pernicious to the European tradition; and leave it to almost every other commentator throughout the whole western world, including Israel, to concentrate on the sinfulness of Moscow.

Yours, etc.,
DAVID COURTNEY

BRITISH PRESS ANGERS MALAN

By John Worrall

CAPE TOWN.—

MEMBERS of the South African Government and the Nationalist press are exhibiting a growing sensitivity to criticism of Nationalist race policies in British newspapers.

British correspondents, an increasing number of whom are establishing their headquarters here, are being blamed for this state of hostile comment. They are being accused of sending biased, prejudiced and ill-informed dispatches on recent events — for instance, on Cape Town's torchlight procession and its aftermath — on which it is alleged, hostile editorial comment in Britain is based. Picked out for special mention have been journalists also working for Opposition English language newspapers. Of them, Dr. Malan, the Premier, said recently that they were "carrying on their fight against the South African Government in the British Press."

Violent Reaction

Symptomatic of this excessively violent reaction in Government circles are Dr. Malan's two recent statements, one in a speech to the Nationale Jeugbond (National Youth Movement) and the other in an interview with the Nationalist newspaper "Die Burger" in which he amplified that speech. He told the youth meeting that if overseas criticism of South Africa as persecutors of the non-European section of the population persisted, the Union might be driven to do as the Northern communities before the present Union (the Transvaal and Orange Free State) had been forced to do and establish a free and independent Republic. In his interview with "Die Burger" Dr. Malan explained that these words applied to the British press and individual politicians, not to the British Government.

He said that the criticism from a large section of the

British press was partisan and hostile and aimed at the legally elected government of South Africa. "The British press is proud of its traditions but does not maintain its traditional fairness as far as we are concerned," he added and complained that when the South African Minister of Labour, Mr. Ben Schoeman, issued a statement in London after the Cape Town torchlight riots, not a single British newspaper published a word of the statement.

Unfair to Malan

Dr. Malan said that Britain was sacrificing goodwill and thereby leading to estrangement and the strengthening of the desire and aspiration to break away. "I would prefer," he said, "that the Republican movement should not draw its strength from negative feelings against Britain but from a positive conviction that a Republican form of government is best for South Africa."

This sentiment is believed to be illustrative of Dr. Malan's "delaying" attitude on the Republican issue which is bringing him into conflict with extremist Republican members of his Cabinet at the present time.

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